

CIF Semifinals Lure Torrance Cindermen

Trackmen from the four Torrance high schools will attempt to take one giant step up the ladder of athletic supremacy Saturday night in the CIF semifinals at Compton's Ramseur Stadium.

Following qualifying rounds last week, all of the local schools will be represented in one of two semifinals that will continue to cut down a large field for the finals on May 24, a Friday.

Field events will begin on Saturday at 6 p.m. with the running competition getting underway one hour later.

Before the athletes entered at Compton get a chance to flex their muscles, half of the field for the CIF finals will have already been computed from a second semifinal meet held Saturday afternoon at Chaffey High School.

South High will lead the local schools into Compton with two varsity qualifiers, a Cee candidate and a relay team. Surprising West High, although it is only in its initial year of competition, has one varsity runner left, and will have two Bee athletes vying for honors.

Torrance has two varsity candidates still in competition while North managed to qualify a Bee relay squad.

Going for South in the Bee division will be junior Bruce Hamilton in the 1320 and Harry Ruitermann in the shot put. Hamilton, a top varsity miler all season long, dropped down to the three-lap grand and finished second in his heat with a 3:18 clocking.

Hamilton has a best of 3:16 achieved in the Bay League finals two weeks ago when he easily ran away from the field for first place.

Ruitermann surprised South coach Dick Scully when he plucked off first place in the league meet with a put of 54-0, but he now ranks as one of the top Bee shot putters in the CIF.

Although he hit only 52-2 in qualifying second in the Valley Junior College preliminaries, coach Scully is hoping, "Ruiterman is saving the big bomb for when it really counts."

Dependable Wes Fox is the lone individual runner left for South in the Cee division. Fox took a second in his heat in the 660 with a 1:28.2 effort, two seconds above his best achieved in the league finals.

The Cee 440-yard relay team, composed of Mark Fletcher, Barry Rathin, Fox, and Bob Johnson, set a new school record in qualifying for the semifinals.

The quartet turned the distance in 45.9 seconds to tie for first in their heat with Glendale, but coach Scully feels the foursome will have to lower the mark by approximately a second to reach the finals.

Ranked as one of the top 10 half mile men in the CIF, Dennis Dyer will lead Torrance High into the semis. Dyer made up 20 yards in the final 60 yards at Bellflower last Friday to finish third in his heat.

Dyer galloped the distance in 1:59.2, the same time as the first two finishers, but it was far off his best of 1:57.6 that he hit in the Pioneer League finals.

The Tartar senior will face rough going at Compton, for he will meet runners who have hit 1:53.5 and 1:54 in the two-lap event. THS coach Joe Sarthou pre-

dicts Dyer has a potential this year of 1:55.

Ivor Sampson, going in the mile—will complete the Tartar entry. Sampson won his heat in 4:33, beating, in the process a freshman star that was only one-tenth of a second off the national frosh mark of 4:25.

West will go with senior hurdler Dave Lee in the 120-yard high timber chase. Lee tied his school record and previous best of 15.4 seconds in placing third in his heat at Bellflower.

Running in the Cee classification for West will be Tom Jurco, Pioneer League champ in the 600, who qualified for the semis with a time of 1:25.8, and Ron Pettigrew.

Pettigrew also qualified second in his 1320 heat with a 3:20.3 effort, but he has a best of 3:19.5. Both Jurco and Pettigrew are sophomores and neither has ever run track before.

A rapid quartet of Pete Molina, Alan Johnson, Bruce Allen, and either Stan Ferris or John Rance will carry North's hopes in the Bee 660-yard relay. The combo finished third in their heat at Valley.

Coil Snares Top Pioneer Honor



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Eric Spelman Lands Bay League Position

Failing to land a single man on the first string all-Bay League baseball squad, North and South had to be content with one player apiece on the second and third teams following selections by the coaches on Monday.

Hawthorne dominated the selections by placing five men on the first string and had two of its stars, Gary Mykkanen and Ty Goodman, named as the Co-Players of the Year.

Five men repeated first string berths from last season, but it was the league champion Cougars who showed their individual strength by placing a total of nine players on the three teams.

SOUTH PLACED ace senior hurler Eric Spelman on the second team and landed center-fielder John Minech on the third squad. Spelman, a classy veteran, compiled a 4-5 record for coach Jerry McIlvaine despite being backed up by an error-prone defense.

Spelman had a crisp 1.45 earned-run average and recorded 72 strikeouts, walked 30 men, and issued 45 hits in 58 innings.

MINECH, one of only two juniors on the third team, was the Spartan's top stickman with a .289 average. He went 13 for 45 at the plate.

North wound up with first baseman Norm Dow on the second team and third sacker Daryl Wilson on the third squad. The performances of both players, each top stars on the Saxons' league champion football squad, were overshadowed by North's poor showing the past year.

DOW CAME through with a .310 average and Wilson clobbered the ball at a .280 clip but neither could save the Saxons from finishing last in the year.

A quarterback on the most successful North grid team in history, Dow was given All-CIF recognition as Wilson, a halfback, was given credit for much of the Saxon spark.

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League Coaches Honor Torrance Strike Out King

Strike-out king Don Coil of Torrance High today holds the honor of being the Pioneer League's baseball Player of the Year following all-league selections by the coaches on Monday. Coil, who wields a heavy bat as a sideline, suffered only one defeat while gaining seven wins as he hurled Torrance to a second-place finish behind Aviation.

The senior right hander recorded 105 strikeouts and allowed 25 walks in 62 innings of work as he became the first Tartar to gain the top Pioneer player honor.

IN ADDITION to his mound heroics, Coil was the league's third leading batsman with a .348 average.

Torrance also placed shortstop Ernie Clayton on the first string team and landed two men on the second squad while disappointed West coach Max Lomas managed to place three men on the second team.

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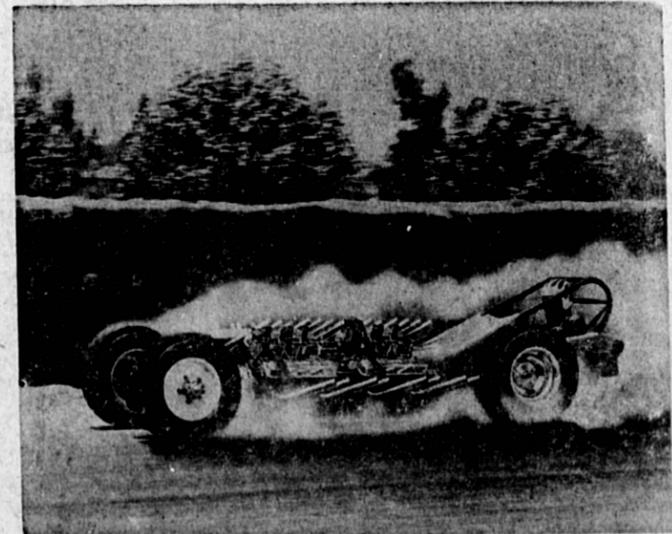
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SMOKE SCREEN . . . Television star Tommy Ivo storms off the starting line with all four tires smoking on his big "Roaring Showboat." Ivo, using fuel in his new machine for the first time, will make several exhibition runs with the four-engine, four-wheel drive dragster Saturday night at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach. Qualifying will begin at 2:30 p.m. with eliminations getting underway at 7 p.m.

Bob Hornaday Nears Perfect Pitching Job

Torrance Little League chucker Bob Hornaday allowed only one hit as the White Sox whipped the Senators, 10-1. Dan Smith was the only Senator to hit safely and was immediately eliminated when he tried for two bases.

Hornaday's bat accounted for two White Sox tallies while Terry Stringfield tripled in another two runs.

Earlier in the week, the Dodgers took advantage of George Sharp's two hitter and his three singles to post a 10-1 triumph over the White Sox.

BOB HIBBARD slammed his first Little League home run and Jim Tobin hit a double and a single to pace the Dodger sluggers.

Strike out artist Larry Brown whiffed 17 batters to guide his Cub teammates to a 4-3 win over the Yankees. The Yanks almost caught up in the sixth inning when pitcher Dean Gibson belted a three-run homer.

BROWN MAD out men on base via a walk and a hit batter before Gibson's blast tied the contest.

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Scuba Class at Local YMCA

The Torrance Family YMCA has announced the formation of a new scuba diving and scuba class for all men and boys over 17.

The 32-hour course of instruction will commence on Friday evening, May 24, and will last for six weeks.

Those enrolling in the class must have a rigorous physical examination; must be able to pass a swimming test; and, should bring their own snorkel, mask, and swim fins.

The YMCA will provide the diving equipment and air during the lessons at a nearby indoor pool.

The instructor for the course will be Donald Morrison, of the Torrance Police Department, and a noted underwater expert.

Morrison will be donating his time in order to extend YMCA courses to residents of Torrance and Lomita.



"Night baseball has cut way down on the number of grandmothers' funerals office boys have to attend."

WHIFFS 18

Hertzog Misses No-Hit Triumph

Topping a day of phenomenal pitching performances, Steve Hertzog struck out 18 batters as the Pacific American Babe Ruth League officially opened its season last Saturday at South High.

Two Hitter Highlights Colt Loop

Hurling in the second game of the Torrance Colt League opening day doubleheader, Steve Kealey allowed only two hits as he guided the Angels to a 6-0 triumph over the Braves. Kealey whiffed 16 batters without issuing a walk and helped his own cause along with a pair of triples. Dan Disrud was the starting Brave hurler, but was relieved in the fourth by Bill Valles.

In the first game, Paul Romero scattered six hits as his Tiger teammates took a 9-3 decision on the Giants. Romero was also responsible for a fifth-inning triple.

Hertzog allowed only one hit as the Tigers took a 4-0 nod from the Indians. Backing up the classy flinger were Steve French, who slammed out two hits, good for three runs-batted-in, and Gordon Mossman, who belted a triple.

The only hit off Hertzog came off the bat of John Wallace in the fifth frame.

DALE REIS kayoed 13 batters and allowed five hits to guide the Red Sox to a 10-3 triumph over the Yankees. Reis and Dave Ptak each connected for two safeties for the winners, but it was Yankee Pat Atkins who stole the show with three safeties.

Larry Tyner was the big gun for the Athletics as they bashed nine hits to gain a 12-2 decision over the Orioles. Tyner won the game by whiffing 13 and allowing six hits—and helped his own cause along by booming three safeties.



TITLE THREAT . . . Steady Steve Halberg will lead El Camino's Metropolitan Conference champions into the State championships on Monday at the Torrey Pines golf course near San Diego. Camino took the Metro crown for the second consecutive season last Monday and has only a defeat at the hands of nationally powerful USC to mar a perfect slate.

Entries Due For Seniors' Art Exhibit

Entries to be exhibited in the Spring Manor senior citizens' art and hobby show this weekend must be submitted to Miss Lorna Pinney at the residence for the retired, 20900 Earl St., by 5 p.m. today.

Any person over 50 years of age is invited to submit an entry in the media of: oil, water color, pen and ink, and clay or wood sculpturing.

Ribbons will be presented for each media and will be judged by nationally known artists tomorrow.

Prospective buyers at the exhibit, which will be open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, will be referred directly to the artist.

Tribe Nabs Golf Title

Ripping the Torrey Pines Country Club fairways, El Camino College golfers garnered the 36-hole Metropolitan Conference championship for the second consecutive year.

After dominating the Metro loop in dual match competition, the Warriors traveled to the Torrey Pines course near San Diego and outclassed their nearest rival by 25 strokes on Monday.

Warrior linksters had a total team medal score of 944 and showed excellent form in the Metro Championship.

Low individual medalist for the competition was Long Beach's Bill McCormick with a 148 four over par.

ARNIE DOKKA of Valley recorded a 150 for second place and Steve Hallberg, who had difficulty on the 13th hole in the second round, finished fourth with a 154 to aid El Camino's victory.

Low Medalist for the Warriors was Les Warr who shot a 151 for the 36 holes and finished third over-all.

THE DEFENDING champions had six team members in the first nine places, with Ken Ghirardi finishing ninth with a 162, the highest round recorded by any Warrior.

Coach Al Greenleaf who led the team to victory for the second straight year will begin preparing his squad for the state meet scheduled next Monday at Torrey Pines.

THE WARRIORS will hold inter-squad matches at Palos Verdes Country Club in preparation for the state tournament.

In describing the Torrey Pines course, the site of both the Metropolitan and state championships this year, Coach Greenleaf expressed respect of the sprawling fairways.

"IT IS one of the toughest courses we've played and wind is a determining factor," Greenleaf said.

Playing 36 holes in one day is like taking a 50 mile hike with golf clubs," the golf coach added.